

ANNUAL REPORTS

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OF DOUGLAS



Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1931

DOUGLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY



3 0466 0800 8338 6

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS
FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1931



WHITINSVILLE, MASS.
PRESS OF EAGLE PRINTING CO.
1932

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1932, 8 A. M.

ART. 4. To hear the reports of town officers and outstanding committees and act thereon.

ART. 5. To fix the compensation of all the elective officers of the town.

ART. 6. To see if the town will instruct its board of selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission, under Chapter 81, General Laws, and acts in amendment thereof, for state aid in construction and repair of highways.

ART. 7. To raise and appropriate money for the repair of highways.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1932, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid out of the revenue of said financial year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept Sec. 25 A., Chapter 41 of the General Laws, pertaining to the appointment of assistant assessors by the board of assessors.

ART. 10. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$273.49 for overdrafts as follows: Tree Warden, \$11.78; Inspection of Animals and Meat, \$24.92; Soldiers' Relief, \$5.00; Industrial School, \$231.79.

ART. 11. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money for the care of the town clock, so called.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be known as the reserve fund.

THE POLLS MAY CLOSE AT TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the postoffice at East Douglas and at the store, formerly the postoffice, at Douglas Center, seven days, at least, before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER,
FRANK E. JONES,
PAUL D. MANNING,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Report of the Treasurer

TOWN OF DOUGLAS — RECEIPTS 1931

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll, Personal and Real Estate	\$51,195 43	
Old Age Assistance	599 00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	3,174 49	
		\$5,496 92

Previous Years:

Poll, Personal and Real Estate	\$2,975 11	
Motor Vehicle Excise	183 52	
		3,158 63
		93 84

Tax Titles Redeemed

From the State:

Income Tax	\$12,143 00	
Corporation Taxes	5,310 56	
National Bank Tax	47 32	
		17,500 88

Town Hall Rentals	382 00
Licenses and Permits	93 00

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines	27 50
-------------------	-------

Grants and Gifts:

From the State:

School Fund	\$2,874 13	
Industrial School	310 41	
School Tuition	457 03	
School Superintendent	773 33	
Highways	8,449 00	
Inspector of Animals	123 18	
		12,987 08

Departmental:

Inspection:

Sealer Weights and Measures	19 91
-----------------------------------	-------

Charities:		
Reimbursement for Outside Relief	\$1,394 65	
Infirmary	299 51	
From the State	126 05	
		1,820 21
Soldiers' Benefits:		
State and Military Aid		190 00
Schools		72 60
Public Library		74 62
Water Department Charges		4,239 07
Interest:		
On Deposits	\$107 54	
On Deferred Taxes:		
Current Year	33 63	
Previous Years	172 12	
		313 29
Income for Expenses:		
Moses Wallis Devise	\$1,103 74	
Mowry Fund	677 50	
		1,781 24
Municipal Indebtedness:		
Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Revenue		55,000 00
Trust:		
Mowry Bequest		22,964 27
Refunds:		
Water	\$6 47	
Public Welfare	9 00	
Highway	24 00	
Forest Fire	126 05	
Schools	4 00	
Sale of Right of Way	102 03	
		271 52
Total Receipts		\$175,958 58
Cash Balances January 1, 1931:		
General	\$7,993 84	
Water	320 26	
Total Cash		\$8,314 10
Grand Total		\$184,272 68

TOWN OF DOUGLAS — PAYMENTS 1931

General Government:		
Selectmen	\$100 00	
Treasurer and Accounting Officer	400 00	
Collector Taxes	500 00	
Town Council	50 00	
Election and Registration	140 66	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,219 92	
Town Hall	2,093 27	
Old Town Hall	13 30	
Bonding Town Officers	255 00	
Contingent Fund	50 00	
Certification of Notes	12 00	
		\$4,834 15

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	\$1,117 40	
Fire Department	1,081 86	
Sealer Weights and Measures	23 38	
Moth Suppression	30 50	
Forest Fires	704 43	
Tree Warden	311 78	
Game Warden	50 00	
		3,319 35

Health and Sanitation:

Board of Health	\$487 51	
Vital Statistics	6 75	
Meat Inspection	115 35	
Inspector of Animals	271 29	
County Hospital Tax	317 94	
		1,198 84

Highways:

General Highways	\$14,153 09	
Bridges	119 58	
Snow Roads	1,777 65	
Street Lighting	2,540 45	
Care Watering Trough	5 00	
Care Public Squares	29 00	
Railings on Highways	221 11	
		18,845 88

Charities:

Welfare Department	\$12,106 83	
Old Age Assistance	1,431 64	
		13,538 47

Soldiers' Aid:

State and Military Aid	\$325 00	
Soldiers' Relief	955 00	
		1,280 00

Schools:

General	\$43,936 00	
Industrial School	1,203 76	
Mowry Trust Fund Income	176 00	
		45,315 76

Public Library:

1,234 71

Unclassified:

Memorial Day	\$150 00	
Town Reports	319 95	
State Auditing	1,040 96	
Veterans' Exemption	9 30	
State Parks and Reservations	38 74	
Quarters American Legion	91 08	
		1,650 03

Public Service Enterprise:

Water Department Maintenance	2,896 94	
------------------------------------	----------	--

Cemetery	66 50	
----------------	-------	--

Interest:

Temporary Loans	\$1,367 10	
General Loans	790 00	
		<u>21,57 10</u>

Municipal Indebtedness:

Town Hall Loan	\$1,000 00	
Water Loan	2,000 00	
Temporary Loans	40,000 00	
		<u>43,000 00</u>

Agency:

State Tax	\$2,325 00	
County Tax	3,720 00	
Special State Tax—Old Age Assistance	625 00	
		<u>6,670 00</u>

Trust:

Investment of Mowry Fund		22,572 64
--------------------------------	--	-----------

Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes		85 12
----------------------------------	--	-------

Total Payments	\$168,665 49	
----------------------	--------------	--

Cash Balances December 31, 1931:

General	\$14,838 33	
Water	768 86	
		<u>15,607 19</u>

Grand Total	\$184,272 68	
-------------------	--------------	--

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,
Treasurer and Accounting Officer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS
State House, Boston

March 7, 1932.

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Walter E. Schuster, *Chairman*,
Douglas, Massachusetts.

GENTLEMEN:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Douglas for the year ending December 31, 1931, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
 Director of Accounts,
 Department of Corporations and Taxation,
 State House, Boston.

SIR:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Douglas for the year ending December 31, 1931, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were compared with the treasury warrants authorizing them, the warrants being checked to original bills and vouchers on file.

The ledger appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's record of town meetings, the ledger accounts were analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1931.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balances January 1, 1931:

General	\$7,993 84	
Water	320 26	
		\$8,314 10

Receipts 1931:

General	\$172,030 79	
Water	4,245 54	
		176,276 33
		<u>\$184,590 43</u>

Payments 1931:

General	\$165,186 30	
Water	3,796 94	
		<u>\$168,983 24</u>

Balance December 31, 1931:

General	\$14,838 33	
Water	768 86	
		15,607 19
		<u><u>\$184,590 43</u></u>

Balance January 1, 1932:

General	\$14,838 33	
Water	768 86	
	<u> </u>	\$15,607 19

Receipts January 1 to February 19, 1932:

General	\$1,536 36	
Water	601 52	
	<u> </u>	2,137 88
		<u> </u> \$17,745 07

Payments January 1 to February 19, 1932:

General	\$8,829 52	
Water	172 20	
	<u> </u>	\$9,001 72

Balance February 19, 1932:

General	\$7,545 17	
Water	1,198 18	
	<u> </u>	8,743 35
		<u> </u> <u>\$17,745 07</u>

Balance February 19, 1932, per
cash books

\$8,743 35

Bank balances:

Atlantic National Bank, Boston, per check book	\$143 18	
Atlantic National Bank, Boston, per statement and check book	573 38	
Blackstone National Bank, Uxbridge, per check book	705 12	
Blackstone National Bank, Uxbridge, per check book	7,321 67	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$8,743 35</u>

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK OF BOSTON

Balance February 19, 1932, per statement \$157 08

Balance February 19, 1932, per check book \$143 18

Outstanding checks February 19, 1932, per list 13 90

 \$157 08

BLACKSTONE NATIONAL BANK OF UXBRIDGE

Balance February 19, 1932, per statement		\$707 92
Balance February 19, 1932, per check book	\$705 12	
Outstanding checks February 19, 1932, per list	2 80	
		<u>\$707 92</u>

BLACKSTONE NATIONAL BANK OF UXBRIDGE

Balance February 19, 1932, per statement		\$8,610 96
Balance February 19, 1932, per check book	\$7,321 67	
Outstanding checks February 19, 1932, per list	1,289 29	
		<u>\$8,610 96</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$17,000 00	Town Hall Loan	\$11,000 00
	<u>\$17,000 00</u>	Water Loan	<u>6,000 00</u>
			<u>\$17,000 00</u>

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds - Cash and Securities.....	\$66,959 16	Devise of Moses Wallis	\$28,597 71
		Adeline Pierce Sanborn	13,333 87
		Simon Fairfield Public Library	868 00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	818 40
		Care of Graves G. A. R. Veterans	205 00
		Mary South Cemetery Lot	23,000 00
		Myron O. Mowry School Fund	
	<u>\$66,959 16</u>		<u>\$66,959 16</u>

TOWN OF DOUGLAS BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1931

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash:		Temporary Loans:	
General	\$14,838 33	In Anticipation of Revenue	\$15,000 00
Water	768 86	High School Building Fund	573 38
Accounts Receivable:		Mowry Trust Fund:	
Taxes:		Principal	\$391 63
Levy of 1929	\$47 82	Income	501 50
Levy of 1930	1,336 65	Tailings Account—Uncashed Checks	
Levy of 1931	4,082 37	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Old Age Assistance Tax 1931		Levy of 1929	\$47 82
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Levy of 1930	844 17
Levy of 1930	\$13 21	Levy of 1931	157 00
Levy of 1931	205 29	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	1,048 99
Tax Titles		Revenue Reserved until Collected:	1,132 19
Water	218 50	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$218 50
Public Welfare	1,168 66	Departmental	2,568 78
Overdrawn Accounts:		Tax Title	1,168 66
Tree Warden	\$11 78	Water	81 99
Inspector of Animals	24 92	Water Department Available Surplus	4,037 93
Soldiers' Relief	5 00	Surplus Revenue	768 86
Industrial School	231 79		7,787 17
Appropriation December, 1931, to be raised by 1932 tax levy	273 49		
	5,835 00		
	<u>\$31,248 45</u>		<u>\$31,248 45</u>

Report of the WATER COMMISSIONERS

1931

Dr.

Jan. 1	Cash	\$320 26	
	Received for Water, Sprinkler Service, Labor and Supplies	4,239 07	
	Refunds	6 47	
	Outstanding Accounts	81 99	
			\$4,647 79

Cr.

Labor and Supplies, making house connections and repairs ..	\$773 69	
Telephone	19 90	
Power and Lights	928 00	
Insurance	26 35	
Water Bond	1,000 00	
Superintendent and Labor	1,049 00	
Outstanding Accounts	81 99	
Cash	768 86	
		\$4,647 79

WILLIAM L. HAYWARD,
OSCAR OLSON,
FRANCISCO BOWEN,

Water Commissioners.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1931

BIRTHS

Whole number		36
Number of Males	15	
Number of Females	21	
	—	36
American parentage	18	
Foreign parentage	13	
Mixed parentage	5	
	—	36

MARRIAGES

Whole number		26
American birth	45	
Foreign birth	7	
Residents of Douglas	32	
Elsewhere	20	
First Marriage	45	
Second Marriage	7	

DEATHS

Whole number		23
Male	13	
Female	10	
	—	23
American birth	17	
Foreign birth	6	
	—	23

Number under 1 year	3
Between 1 and 5 years	0
" 5 " 10 " 	1
" 10 " 20 " 	1
" 20 " 30 " 	0
" 30 " 40 " 	1
" 40 " 50 " 	1
" 50 " 60 " 	2
" 60 " 70 " 	3
" 70 " 80 " 	7
" 80 " 90 " 	3
" 90 " 100 " 	1
	23

DOGS REGISTERED

Whole number	311
Males, 272 @ \$2.00	\$544 00
Females, 39 @ \$5.00	195 00
Less fees, 311 @ 20 cents	\$739 00
	62 20
Paid to County Treasurer	\$676 80

JOHN B. CHAPDELAINE, JR.,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Simon Fairfield Public Library

1931			
Jan.	1	Balance on Deposit	\$111 56
March		Town Appropriation	1,300 00
Jan.	5	Recd. Uxbridge Savings Bank,	
		interest	\$22 50
May	1	" Whitinsville Savings Bk.,	
		interest	290 43
July	6	" Uxbridge Savings Bank,	
		interest	22 50
		" For books	5 25
Nov.	2	" Whitinsville Savings Bk.,	
		interest	261 38
			602 06
			\$2,013 62

EXPENSES FOR YEAR 1931

Paid	Rosalie E. Williams, Librarian	\$780 00
"	Mrs. Carl Donaldson, Assistant	18 00
"	Frank E. Jones, fuel	240 00
"	For books	299 68
"	Miscellaneous Account, repairs, labor,	
	supplies, Treasurer's bond	193 01
"	Worcester Suburban Electric Co.	45 06
"	Herbert E. Hughes, Janitor	137 50
"	Magazines and papers	89 15
		\$1,802 40
		\$211 22

1931

Dec. 31	Balance on Deposit	\$145 93	
	Unexpended balance in Town		
	Treasury	65 29	
			\$211 22

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Mrs. Royal Keith Fund	\$ 200 00	
James M. Fairfield Fund	5,000 00	
James Smith Fund	6,000 00	
Arthur F. Taft Fund	500 00	
Winfield S. Schuster Fund	1,000 00	
James W. Wixtead Fund	200 00	
		\$12,900 00

The Endowment Funds are invested as follows:

Uxbridge Savings Bank	\$1,900 00	
Whitinsville Savings Bank	11,000 00	
		\$12,900 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JONES,

Treasurer.

Annual Report of the Dept. of Public Welfare

January 1, 1931, to January 1, 1932

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas:

Value of real estate, 170 acres of land, house, barn, and sheds	\$7,000 00
--	------------

Personal property at Infirmary as per inventory Jan. 1, 1930:

Household furniture and provisions	\$1,150 00
Contents of barn, farming tools and wagons, etc.	650 00
Wood	138 50
Vegetables	45 25
10 tons hay	200 00
2 heifers	72 00
2 cows	250 00
1 horse	125 00
10 tons coal	150 00
48 pullets	75 00
Grain	25 00
	\$2 880 75

We have made the Superintendent debtor for labor, stock, and produce, etc., as follows:

Received from sale milk	\$12 05	
Fowl	70 90	
Toll line	5 26	
Vegetables	41 95	
Wood	198 75	
Calf	4 00	
Team work	1 00	
Clocks and mirror	5 00	
Butter	4 20	
Cow	16 00	
Board, E. Leach	387 00	
		\$746 11

The Superintendent has paid out as follows:

Barber	\$7 45	
Eggs	12 15	
Service	6 00	
Churn and paddles	3 00	
Fruit	3 10	
Sharpening lawn mower	1 25	
Repairing harnesses	5 85	
Horse collar	8 00	
Poultry regulator	1 00	
Heels for shoes	45	
Oil stove	12 00	
Payment on cow	10 00	
Filing saws	2 35	
		\$72 60

OVERSEER'S CASH PAYMENTS FOR INFIRMARY ACCOUNT

Paid Superintendent, salary	\$933 40
Charles Krull, blacksmith	17 85
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	8 55
Wor. Sub. Elec. Co., light and power	110 09
W. L. Hayward, frigidaire	100 00
Dr. J. Andrews, veterinary	10 00
Howell Parker, 100 chicks	20 00
Howell Parker, bale peat moss	2 50
Commissioner of Public Safety	5 00
W. H. Parker, sawing wood	33 38
Theodore Dumas, painting	19 50
George Chandler, plowing and horse hire	32 80
Dodge Co., disinfectant	3 52
Fred Hillery, balance on cow	115 00
Fred Hillery, farm implements	29 75
T. E. Kelly, meat	23 14
E. N. Jenckes Store, groceries	263 72
E. N. Jenckes Store, grain	222 83
Frank Rivard, fish	70 20

Frank Jones, coal	154 25
A. Solomon, dry goods	30 10
Thos. P. Ritchie, groceries	186 43
E. Decoteau, groceries	78 99
E. Decoteau, meat	70 68
J. B. Chapdelaine, groceries	69 48
Putnam & Brink, groceries	116 83
Putnam & Brink, meat	12 03
E. Marris, meat	137 73
E. Marris, groceries	2 04
W. R. Wallis, hardware	113 49
Walter Jones, plumbing and supplies	13 45
Dr. Quinn	94 00
John Rogers, labor	5 60
John Fulone, labor	78 02
Frank Yacino, labor	46 20
Chas. Genereaux, labor	59 60
William Nesbitt, labor	14 05
Fred Nault, labor	11 40
Michael Bacca, labor	30 54
F. S. Harding, horse hire	11 25
Arthur Morse, labor	10 00
G. C. Dudley, haying	30 60
John Gautreau, labor	10 00
Alfred Laferriere, labor	8 00
Clifford Lunn, labor	11 20
Carmen De Costanzo, labor	8 40
	\$3,435 59

TOWN AID ACCOUNT

Paid No. 1	\$77 00
No. 2	19 60
No. 3	19 00
No. 4	405 10
No. 5	53 97
No. 6	200 00
No. 7	217 00
No. 8	74 90
No. 10	175 00
No. 11	380 00
No. 12	50 00
No. 13	12 75
No. 14	111 00
No. 15	155 00
No. 16	111 15
No. 17	158 90
No. 18	346 00
No. 19	599 00
No. 20	608 45
No. 21	7 00
No. 22	166 00
No. 23	40 00
No. 24	46 80
No. 25	103 15

No. 26	88 14	
No. 27	119 74	
No. 28	70 62	
No. 29	18 45	
No. 30	125 00	
No. 31	15 00	
No. 32	280 00	
No. 33	69 44	
No. 34	145 00	
No. 35	39 27	
No. 36	124 20	
No. 37	127 90	
No. 38	214 39	
No. 39	27 00	
No. 40	100 06	
No. 41	10 00	
		\$5,710 98

TEMPORARY AID ACCOUNT

Paid No. 1	\$884 00	
No. 2	154 00	
		\$1,038 00

MOTHERS' AID ACCOUNT

Paid No. 1	\$884 00	
No. 2	764 40	
No. 3	34 00	
		\$1,682 40
Infirmary Supernitendent, receipts	\$746 11	
Infirmary Superintendent, expenditures	72 60	

Turned into Town Treasury		\$673 51
Received from State, Mothers' Aid	\$126 05	
Received from Town of Bellingham	217 90	
Received from Town of Sutton	86 00	
Received from Town of Northbridge	200 00	
Due from State, reimbursement, 1930 and 1931	1,326 33	

SUMMARY

Superintendent has paid per his account	\$72 60	
Overseers have paid as per their account	3,435 59	
		\$3,508 19

The Overseer's Account is as follows:

Appropriation at annual town meeting	\$9,000 00
--------------------------------------	------------

Expenditures:

Orders on Town Treasurer:

(State) Temporary Aid	\$1,038 00	
(State) Mothers' Aid	1,682 40	
(Town) Town Aid	5,710 98	
Miscellaneous	21 20	
Infirmary cost	3,435 59	
		\$11,888 17

INMATES AT INFIRMARY DURING YEAR 1931

No.	Age	Weeks	Days
1	57	52	1
2	72	52	1
3	76	52	1
4	79	8	

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD MOORE,
HARRY A. OLSON,
R. KENNETH PARKER.

REPORT OF AGENT

MOSES WALLIS DEVISE

To the Town of Douglas

For Year Ending December 31, 1931

The agent charges himself with amounts due the devise January 1, 1931, as follows:

Los Angeles School District Bonds, 5%	\$16,201 50	
Amortization	248 64	
		\$15,952 86
Jersey City Water Bonds, 4½%	\$5,231 50	
Amortization	37 56	
		5,193 94
City of Detroit Bonds, 4½%	\$5,250 00	
Amortization	47 41	
		5,202 59
Whitinsville National Bank		2,256 78
		\$28,606 17
Value to Keep Permanent		27,502 43
Due Town Treasurer		\$1,103 74

The agent has received as follows:

1931

Jan. 1	Balance		\$2,256 78
Feb. 2	Interest, City of Detroit Bonds ..	\$112 50	
7	Interest, County of Los Angeles Bonds	375 00	
April 2	Interest, Jersey City Water Bonds	112 50	

July	31	Interest, City of Detroit Bonds ..	112 50	
Aug.	6	Interest, County of Los Angeles Bonds ..	375 00	
Oct.	1	Interest, Jersey City Water Bonds ..	112 50	
Dec.	31	Interest, Whitinsville National Bank	26 60	
				1,226 60
				\$3,483 38

The agent has paid out as follows:

1931				
Jan.	10	Town Treasurer	\$1,103 74	
	8	Salary, Agent	75 00	
		Balance	2,304 64	
				\$3,483 38

PRESENT VALUE OF DEVISE

\$15,000.00	Los Angeles, 5%	\$16,201 50	
	Amortization	290 08	
			\$15,911 42
5,000.00	Jersey City, 4½%	\$5,231 50	
	Amortization	43 82	
			5,187 68
5,000.00	City of Detroit, 4½%	\$5,250 00	
	Amortization	56 03	
			5,193 97
	Whitinsville National Bank		2,304 64
	Value to Keep Permanent		\$28,597 71
	Due Town Treasurer		\$1,095 28

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. ROWLEY.

Agent.

Collector's Report

1931

TAXES, 1929

Overpayment due Collector, January 1, 1931	\$1 48
Outstanding, January 1, 1931	798 70

	<u>\$800 18</u>
--	-----------------

Payments to Treasurer, 1931	\$676 17
Abatements, 1931	71 78
Added to Tax Titles, 1931	1 45
Outstanding, December 31, 1931	49 30
Overpayment due collector, December 31, 1931	1 48

	<u>\$800 18</u>
--	-----------------

TAXES, 1930

Outstanding, January 1, 1931	\$3,702 16
------------------------------------	------------

Payments to Treasurer, 1931	\$2,298 94
Added to Tax Titles, 1931	1 38
Abatements	65 19
Outstanding, December 31, 1931	1,336 65

	<u>\$3,702 16</u>
--	-------------------

TAXES, 1931

Commitment per warrant	\$55,434 35
Overpayment to be refunded to Collector	11

	<u>\$55,434 46</u>
--	--------------------

Payments to Treasurer, 1931	\$51,149 12
Abatements, 1931	101 84
Added to Tax Titles, 1931	100 99
Warrant in excess of commitment	03
Outstanding, December 31, 1931	4,082 48
	<u>\$55,434 46</u>

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TAXES, 1931

Commitment per warrant	\$625 00
Collections not committed	2 00
	<u>\$627 00</u>
Payments to Treasurer, 1931	\$599 00
Outstanding, December 31, 1931	28 00
	<u>\$627 00</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES, 1930

Outstanding, January 1, 1931	\$202 99
Abatement after payment refunded	2 55
Overpayment to Treasurer to be refunded	3 96
	<u>\$209 50</u>
Payments to Treasurer, 1931	\$183 52
Abatements, 1931	8 81
Outstanding, December 31, 1931	17 17
	<u>\$209 50</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES, 1931

Commitment per warrant, 1931	\$3,455 50
Abatements after payment refunded	82 57
Abatements after payment to be refunded	13 10
Commitment list in excess of warrant	1 00
	<u>\$3,552 17</u>
Payments to Treasurer, 1931	\$3,220 80
Abatements, 1931	112 98
Outstanding, December 31, 1931	218 39
	<u>\$3,552 17</u>

INTEREST AND COSTS

Collections:

Taxes, 1929	\$75 70
Taxes, 1930	85 94
Taxes, 1931	14 79
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1930	10 50
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1931	13 94
	\$200 87
Payments to Treasurer, 1931	\$200 87

EDWARD L. WILLIAMS,

Collector.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

For the Year 1931

Walter E. Carpenter, 164 hours @ 50c per hour.....	\$82 00
W. Lincoln Carpenter, 19 hours @ 60c per hour.....	12 60
R. D. Carpenter, 8 hours @ 50c per hour and 141½ hours @ 75c per hour	110 13
Jos. Budzeyna, 115 hours @ 50c per hour.....	57 50
Albert Fougere, 29 hours @ 50c per hour	14 50
Arthur Nault, 8 hours @ 50c per hour.....	4 00
Harold Buxton, and truck, 17 hours @ \$1.00 per hour	17 00
Team, 31 hours @ 25c per hour	7 75
W. R. Wallis, filing saws.....	3 40
M. Southwick, filing saws	1 25

SUPPLIES

Chas. Krull, pruning hook handle	60
W. R. Wallis, 3 shear handles	1 05
Total	\$311 78

Walter E. Carpenter served the Town as Tree Warden from 1908 to 1932, 23 consecutive years, passing from this life very suddenly Dec. 28, 1931. The care of the trees of his native town was a work he took great pride in.

Report of

ROAD COMMISSIONER

PAY ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1931

Name	Hours	Rate	1931
			Amount
R. K. Parker, Supt.	1,190	\$ 60	\$714 00
R. K. Parker, truck	1,159	1 00	1,159 00
G. C. Dudley, team	687	90	618 30
W. H. Dudley, truck	858	1 00	858 00
George Chandler, team	179	90	161 10
W. H. Parker, team	75	90	67 50
Elwin Chase, team	181	90	162 90
Paul Chase, team	36	90	32 40
R. K. Parker, big truck	32	1 50	48 00
Duty Caswell, truck	16	1 00	16 00
R. K. Parker, auto	1,190	20	238 00

LABOR

Name	Hours	Rate	Amount
Duty Caswell	16	40	6 40
Earl McCann	1,031	40	412 40
Earl Ballou, tractor man	1,159	45	521 55
Earl Ballou, car	112	20	22 40
John Carter	778	40	311 20
Ernest Lunn	401	40	160 40
Albert Valcourt	1,016	40	406 40

	Hours	Rate	Amount
Clifford Lunn	1,127	40	450 80
John Faloni	779	40	311 60
Frank Yacino	552	40	220 80
Ralph Aldrich	562	40	224 40
Gustavus Dudley	710	40	284 00
William Eldridge	72	40	28 80
Charles Buxton	161	40	64 40
Harley Barton	165	40	66 00
Henry Fougere	198	40	79 20
Wendell Keith	991	40	396 40
Wm. Caswell	34	40	13 60
L. M. Cahill	529	40	211 60
Welcome Mowry	258	40	103 20
Phillip Manning	21	40	8 40
Elwin Chase	61	40	24 40
Jesse Chase	242	40	96 80
Charles Gendreau	157	40	62 80
Ernest Labelle	35	40	14 00
Stanley Kros	437	40	174 80
Leon Sochia	536	40	214 40
Robert Lunn	334	40	133 60
Albert Fougere	440	40	176 00
W. H. Dudley	143	40	57 20
Edward Valk	26	40	10 40
Lincoln Carpenter	48	40	19 20
James Smith	548	40	219 20
Edward Lambert	9	40	3 60
H. Ballou	9	40	3 60
Wayland Hick, drill man	56	75	42 00
Wayland Hick, car	7 days	1 00	7 00
Earl Kruegar, helper	56	62½	35 00

MATERIALS AND REPAIRS

Charles Krull	44 00
New England Culvert Co.	301 99
House of Correction, posts	13 00
Mass. State Prison, signs	34 80
Ledger Supplies	4 40
New England Implement Co.	422 30
George F. Blake Co.	10 20
Douglas Town Store	45 57
Dyar Sales Co.	68 03
Frank E. Jones	142 62
Uxbridge Auto Co.	2 90
New Haven Trap Rock Co.	106 00
Koppers Products Co., tar	162 50
Duncan & Goodell	1 14
Blanchard Bros.	48 90
Barrett Co., tar	2,060 16
Clayton A. Blackmer	72 87
B. F. Marsh Co.	13 25
Waite Hardware Co.	24 00
Whitin Machine Co.	15 80

Christie & Thompson	9 72
W. R. Wallis	116 54
Streeter & Sons Co.	25 45

INSURANCE, GRAVEL AND OTHER COSTS

P. D. Manning	310 26
Cyrus Sweet	105 00
Ella Freeman	37 30
Freight	12 94
Orlan Chase	35 80
L. J. Bombara	54 80
Duty Caswell	42 70

Total Cost, Highways	\$14,018 09
----------------------------	-------------

R. K. PARKER,
Superintendent.

RAILING HIGHWAYS

Material used	\$68 56
Labor and trucking	152 55
Total Railing	\$221 11

HIGHWAY BRIDGES

Material used	\$99 38
Labor and trucking	20 20
Total Bridges	\$119 58

SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING

Plowing, teaming and trucking	\$464 40
Labor	850 70
Dyar Sales, plow	400 00
Wire cable and welding	5 25

Total Cost, Snow, Jan. 3, 1931-Mar 14, 1931	\$1,720 35
--	------------

R. KENNETH PARKER,
Supt. Highways.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
and Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1931



WHITINSVILLE, MASS.
PRESS OF EAGLE PRINTING CO.
1932

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JOHN B. CHAPDELAINE	Term expires 1932
DR. PAUL ELA	" " 1932
WILLIAM T. LOOMIS	" " 1933
LILLIAN C. CARPENTER, Secretary	" " 1933
BAYLIS G. ALDRICH, Chairman	" " 1934
MARGARET CARRICK	" " 1934

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. B. GARCELON

PURCHASING AGENT

BAYLIS G. ALDRICH

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

DOUWE DEJONG

E. L. WILLIAMS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1931-1932

HIGH SCHOOL

Winter Term—December 28, 1931, to March 25, 1932, 13 weeks.

Spring Term—April 4, 1932, to June 24, 1932, 12 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—November 26 and 27, 1931.

Christmas vacation—December 19, 1931, to December 27, 1931,
1 week.

Spring vacation—March 26, 1932, to April 3, 1932, 1 week.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Winter Term—January 4, 1932, to March 25, 1932, 12 weeks.

Spring Term—April 4, 1932, to June 17, 1932, 11 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—November 26 and 27, 1931.

Christmas vacation—December 19, 1931, to January 3, 1932,
2 weeks.

Spring vacation—March 26, 1932, to April 3, 1932, 1 week.

1932-1933

HIGH SCHOOL

Fall Term—September 6, 1932, to December 23, 1932, 16 weeks.

High School will open Tuesday, following Labor Day.

Winter Term—January 3, 1933, to March 24, 1933, 12 weeks.

Spring Term—April 3, 1933, to June 23, 1933, 12 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—November 24 and 25, 1932.

Christmas vacation—December 24, 1932, to January 3, 1933,
1 week.

Spring vacation—March 24, 1933, to April 3, 1933, 1 week.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Fall Term—September 6, 1932, to December 23, 1932, 16 weeks.

Winter Term—January 9, 1933, to March 24, 1933, 11 weeks.

Spring Term—April 3, 1933, to June 16, 1933, 11 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—November 24 and 25, 1932.

Christmas vacation—December 24, 1932, to January 9, 1933,
2 weeks.

Spring vacation—March 24, 1933, to April 3, 1933, 1 week.

HOLIDAYS, 1932-1933

Labor Day.

Columbus Day, October 12th.

County Convention, 1st Friday in November.

Armistice Day, November 11th.

Thanksgiving Recess, 2 days, last Thursday and Friday of November.

Christmas.

January 1st.

February 22nd, Washington's Birthday.

Good Friday, (Friday before Easter Sunday).

Patriot's Day, April 19th.

Memorial Day, May 30th.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Three blasts of the whistle at 7:45 A. M. closes all schools for the morning session.

The same signal at 11:45 A. M. closes all schools for the afternoon session.

The signal at 11:45 A. M. denotes that there will be a single session. In this case the session will be lengthened one hour in the first grade, and one hour and a half in the others.

Report of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submits the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1931.

The appropriations for the schools were \$44,500.00 and the expenditures \$43,736.00. We received from the State as reimbursement for teachers' salaries \$9,654.13, for tuition of State wards \$457.03, and for Superintendent's salary \$773.33, making a total of \$10,884.49. This reduces the net cost of the schools to \$32,851.51.

The itemized expenditures are as follows:

School Committee expenses	\$313 40
Superintendent's salary	1,440 00
Superintendent's expenses	306 24
Supervisors' salaries	1,651 20
Supervisors' other expenses	425 62
Principal, High, salary	2,484 55
Principal, Elementary, salary	1,499 00
Teachers, High, salaries	4,172 00
Teachers, Elementary, salaries	13,326 70
Text-books, High	312 88
Text-books, Elementary	592 56
Stationery and supplies, High	535 34
Stationery and supplies, Elementary	649 68
Janitors, High, salaries	1,431 00
Janitors, Elementary, salaries	1,794 50
Fuel, High	962 83
Fuel, Elementary	752 21
Miscellaneous, High	400 36
Miscellaneous, Elementary	291 09
Repairs, High	193 24
Repairs, Elementary	605 68
Health, High	170 20
Health, Elementary	844 33
Transportation in town, Elementary	2,427 06

Transportation to other towns, Elementary ..	184 00	
Tuition, Elementary	219 65	
Miscellaneous, High	155 39	
Miscellaneous, Elementary	159 65	
New Equipment	4,973 84	
Insurance	461 80	
Total		\$43,736 00
Unexpended		764 00
Appropriation		\$44,500 00
Received for tuition of non-resident pupils	\$72 50	
Received from the State as above	10,884 49	
Total received by the Town		\$10,956 99
Net cost of the schools for the year 1931		\$32,779 01
Appropriations asked for:		
General expenses, including Superintendent's salary, expenses of School Committee and Attendance Officers		\$2,100 00
Expenses for instruction, including teachers' salaries, text-books and supplies, and miscellaneous expenses for instruction		25,500 00
Expenses for operation of school plants, including jani- tors' salaries, fuel and miscellaneous expenses for operation		4,900 00
Maintenance, repairs, etc.		1,000 00
Auxiliary agencies, including promotion of health, trans- portation, etc.		4,000 00
Insurance		500 00
		\$38,000 00

BAYLIS ALDRICH,
MARGARET CARRICK,
LILLIAN C. CARPENTER,
JOHN B. CHAPDELAINE,
WILLIAM T. LOOMIS,
DR. PAUL ELA,

School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Douglas:

I herewith submit my fourth annual school report of the Town of Douglas, the same being the thirty-first superintendent's report for the Uxbridge-Douglas Union.

During and immediately following the World War our industries were prosperous,—everyone was working and everyone was receiving large wages. The aftermath of the war is now upon us. Millions of men are out of work, industry is more or less at a standstill; employees are working at a reduced rate of wages and on part time; people are forced to buy only the necessities of life, going without the luxuries. Federal, State and Municipal budgets are being cut to the core. The age of extravagance has passed and the day of strict accounting is ever present. School Departments, having the responsibility of training the children for future citizenship, of necessity spend a large amount of money. This fact we recognize. We also appreciate the unsettled general business conditions and stand ready and willing to curtail every possible expenditure.

In the high school our enrollment has increased over fourteen (14) per cent, (the total being 97) while the teaching staff has remained the same. Under the efficient leadership of Mr. C. W. Holmes and with the loyal co-operation of his teachers, the standard of work done is well above the average. The Douglas Memorial High School carries the highest State rating,—being a Class "A" high school,—and it is also on the approved list of the College Entrance Certificate Board. Being on this approved list makes it possible for our graduates, with a scholastic rating of 85 or better, to enter any one of nine colleges without entrance examinations.

During the year, high school athletics have been successfully carried on. The work of the boys has been under the direction of Mr. Clarence Gagne, and that of the girls under the leadership of Miss Martin.

Mr. Gagne, who succeeded Mr. Dawley as head of the commercial department, is well qualified by training and experience to do efficient work. Miss Elizabeth Balmer of Whitinsville, fills the

vacancy in the Latin and French department, caused by the resignation of Mrs. Clarence Holmes.

This year we are trying out a new plan in our Art Department. Miss Grace C. Smith, head of the Art Department of the Worcester Normal School, lectures to all the grade teachers for two hours every two weeks, from prepared outlines. Our teachers are delighted with the course and all have made wonderful progress under Miss Smith's most excellent leadership.

A little over three years ago special classes were organized for instruction on trumpet, violin, and piano. These classes proved very successful, and have resulted in great possibilities for a school band and orchestra. To finance these special music classes and provide a leader for the school band, necessitated the raising of \$911.37—all of which was provided by a small payment for lessons and concerts. To-day, however, we are relieved of financial worries and have engaged Mr. F. O. Dodge, and Mr. Howard Barre as full time—one day a week— instructors on band and orchestra instruments. At the present time seventy-eight pupils are receiving *free* instruction on all band and orchestral instruments.

The improved instruction in music and art has been possible because of the assistance given us from the Morey Estate. This assistance we acknowledge with sincere thanks, and promise, at all times, to expend the Morey Fund, to the best of our ability, in strict accordance with the wishes of the donor.

During the past twenty years, as a teacher and superintendent of schools, it has been my privilege to know rather intimately the students, parents and teachers of many communities all over the United States—and I can honestly say that the spirit and morale of the community of Douglas is surpassed by none.

In closing may I thank my School Committee, Principals, Supervisors and Teachers for their generous support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. GARCELON.

March 2, 1932.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

Assessed valuation	\$2,216,255
Population, U. S. Census of 1930	2,316
Number of persons in town between 5 and 16 years of age, October 1, 1931—Boys, 297; Girls, 293	590
Number of persons between 5 and 7 years of age, Boys, 59; Girls, 67	126
Number of persons between 7 and 14 years of age, Boys, 193; Girls, 192	385
Number of persons between 14 and 16 years of age, Boys, 45; Girls, 34	79
Total enrollment in all public schools during school year ending June 19, 1931	529
Average membership for school year	518
Average attendance for school year	499
Per cent of attendance	97
Number of school buildings in use	3
Number of teachers required by the public schools	16
Number special teachers	4
Number teachers graduated from college	3
Number teachers graduated from normal school	8
Number weeks High School was in session	40
Number weeks grades were in session	38
Number pupils graduated from High School, 1931	13
Number pupils graduated from Grammar School, 1931	29

Attendance for School Year Ending June 1931.

SCHOOL	TEACHERS	Enrollment	Under 5 years	Between 5-7 years	Between 7-14 years	Between 14-16 years	Over 16 years	Av. Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attend.	No. Tardinesses	No. Dismissals
High.....	C. W. Holmes.....	83	0	0	9	38	39	82.58	80.07	96.99	215	62
Seniors.....		13										
Juniors.....		16										
Sophomores.....		20										
Freshmen.....		33										
Post Graduate.....		1										
	Evelina G. Martin.....											
"	Mabel V. Root.....	38	0	0	22	16	0	39.42	38.27	97.12	69	7
"	Myra H. Jilison.....	42	0	0	35	7	0	41.77	40.07	96.05	49	15
E. Douglas 6.....	Agnes Monteith.....	46	0	0	39	6	1	43.51	42.49	97.63	15	6
"	Ennice L. Buffington.....	45	0	0	44	1	0	44.66	43.74	97.87	33	7
"	Mary A. Joy.....	48	0	0	48	0	0	49.22	48.23	97.89	5	0
"	Lola H. Dudley.....	30	0	0	29	1	0	29.88	28.96	97.32	9	2
"	Louise Clarenbach.....	37	0	0	37	0	0	37.12	35.86	96.60	8	5
"	May C. Buxton.....	39	0	5	34	0	0	33.08	32.13	96.83	3	3
"	Etta H. Johnson.....	37	0	32	5	0	0	35.51	33.88	95.46	8	1
"	Mollie H. Kelly.....	26	0	12	14	0	0	23.86	22.97	96.28	5	2
"	Daisy E. Sweet.....	25	0	0	23	2	0	24.82	23.65	95.35	17	6
Douglas Center 5-7.....	Gertrude M. Smith.....	33	0	11	22	0	0	31.68	29.46	93.80	48	5
"												
"	Eleanor M. Anderson.....											

Rank of the Schools in Attendance and Punctuality for Year ending June 1931.

Rank	ATTENDANCE	Per Cent. of Attendance	Rank	PUNCTUALITY	Per Cent. of Tardiness
1	East Douglas, 4	97.89	1	East Douglas, 2	.02
2	" " 5	97.87	2	" " 1-b	.03
3	" " 6	97.63	3	" " 4	.03
4	" " 3&5	97.32	4	" " 1-a	.04
5	High 8	97.12	5	" " 3	.04
6	" 9-12	96.99	6	" " 3&5	.05
7	East Douglas, 2	96.83	7	" " 6	.08
8	" " 3	96.60	8	Douglas Center, 5-7	.09
9	" " 1-b	96.28	9	East Douglas, 5	.18
10	High 7	96.05	10	Douglas Center, 1-4	.27
11	East Douglas, 1-a	95.46	11	High 7	.27
12	Douglas Cent., 5-7	95.35	12	High 8	.33
13	" " 1-4	93.80	13	High 9-12	1.14
Average,		96.55	Average,		.20
Average for State		94.00			

NOTE—No record of tardiness is kept by the state. Above 1%, however, is regarded as unsatisfactory.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 1932.

NAME	SCHOOL	HOME ADDRESS	GRADUATE OF	When appointed in town
C. W. Holmes	High	East Douglas	Brown University	1918
Evelina G. Martin	"	W. Peabody	Tufts College	1929
Clarence A. Gagne	"	Ludlow	Bay Path Inst.	1931
Elizabeth R. Balmer	"	Whitinsville	Mt. Holyoke College	1931
Myra H. Jillson	"	Douglas	Worcester Normal	1924
Agnes Monteith	"	Natick	Framingham Normal	1930
Eunice L. Buffington	East Douglas, 6	East Douglas	Douglas High	1890
Mary A. Joy	" 5	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1928
Lola H. Dudley	" 4	East Douglas	Boston Normal	1926
Maria C. Buxton	" 3	Douglas	Worcester Normal	1916
Kathleen Frederick	" 5-6	Jamesport, L. I.	Gorham Normal	1931
Etta H. Johnson	" 2	East Douglas	Douglas High	1889
Mollie H. Kelly	" 1	East Douglas	Douglas High	1908
Daisy E. Sweet	" 2&4	East Douglas	Wheelock Training School	1916
Gertrude M. Smith	Douglas Cent. 5-7	Douglas	Middlebury, Vt. High	1900
Betsy Reid	" 1-4	Peacedale, R. I.	Wheelock Training School	1931
Alma King	Music	Webster	N. E. Conservatory Music	1927
Rose P. Shaffer	Domestic Science	Worcester	Framingham Normal	1929
Francis Miller	Manual Training	Uxbridge	Fitchburg Normal	1929

Douglas Memorial High School Report

Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Superintendent of Schools:

Herewith I submit my fourteenth annual report on Douglas High School.

The total enrollment in the High School since September 8, 1931, has been 97, twelve more than last year, and the highest in the history of the school. The present enrollment is 93. There are 17 Seniors, 21 Juniors, 29 Sophomores, and 26 Freshmen.

The total membership in the six science and mathematics classes, taught by the principal, is 100; the membership in the English and history classes, taught by Miss Martin, is 131; in the French and Latin classes it is 86, and in the commercial department, 72.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the High School teachers have a very busy day. Each teacher, including the principal, has six recitations a day. There are seven periods, but no such thing as a "free" period for any of us. The schedule is planned so that each teacher spends the spare period taking care of a large group of pupils studying in the home room. This makes it necessary to have only three recitations in the home room, and during one of these, Freshman English, there are only 12 "study" pupils in the room. The principal imposes upon himself alone the hard task of conducting recitations in the home room when a considerable number of "study" pupils are there at the same time.

All this points clearly to the outstanding need in the high school. Permit me to state this need fully aware of the efforts made to keep down expenses during one of the worst periods of depression ever known. If we enroll ten more pupils next year this need will become a necessity. The State does not approve a high school of 100 or more pupils unless there are four teachers besides the principal. Last year the State approved us as a "Class A" high school, and my organization was approved this year. It taxes one's ingenuity to the utmost, however, to organize with four teachers so as to meet the needs of over ninety students, and it so ties up the principal himself to recitation work that he can do almost nothing in the way of supervision.

The minimum essentials of supervision are:

- (1) Organization of a working schedule and continued attention, throughout the year, to see that it functions as well as possible for the benefit of every student in the school;
- (2) Administration of disciplinary matters and the clerical work of the school;
- (3) Observation of class work with a view to the rating of teachers and the improvement of instruction.

A moment's thought on the comprehensive nature of the above will bring to mind the need of some of the principal's time to supplement the few visits a superintendent is able to make in any one room. Here is another need that becomes a necessity unless every teacher is unusually well qualified. Sometimes there is a critical situation in any school that demands daily study by the principal, who is always on the ground. The principal might be able, by actual observation of class procedure, to help a teacher succeed where otherwise she would fail. The principal here cannot spend time enough in any one class room to be of much help without neglecting his own class work or putting an impossible burden upon some other teacher who would have to take his class in his absence.

I wish to express my deep appreciation of the loyal support and splendid co-operation of the teachers in our difficult task. A like expression of appreciation is due to the student body. There are only occasional minor breaches of discipline, and these on the part of a very small number. In view of the difficulty of doing class work that really counts for progress under the conditions outlined in this report, few disorderly acts by the same individual can be tolerated, if we are to keep up our high standard. And at this point I wish to thank the Superintendent and Committee for their support in the past and the assurance of their continued stand in the future for the only kind of discipline that makes progress possible in school work.

One factor that makes for good discipline and general progress is the engagement of an athletic coach who is also a good commercial teacher and an excellent disciplinarian. The advantage of putting the boys' athletics into the hands of a competent member of the faculty cannot be over-estimated.

Since writing the above I have received notice from the Secretary of the College Entrance Certificate Board that we are an accredited school. We have been "on trial" until the number of our graduates entering colleges on the Board was sufficient to enable them to judge the kind of work we do.

Respectfully yours,

C. W. HOLMES,

Principal.

Report of Instructor in Manual Training

*Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Superintendent of Schools,
East Douglas, Mass.*

DEAR MR. GARCELON:

Following is my report as instructor of Manual Training in the Douglas High School.

I have forty-seven pupils taking this course, twenty-four from the eighth grade, and twenty-three from the seventh grade. These are divided into four classes, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. The eighth grade has one hour and a half and the seventh grade has one hour.

The pupils are very enthused over their work, and are doing some very excellent work. Giving them their choice of projects creates more interest and a much better project is finished. A number of new projects are being made which will be shown at the annual exhibition at the end of the school year, giving everyone a chance to see some of the fine work that is being done.

The tools in the department are in fine shape and the benches are in first-class condition.

I want to thank you for your co-operation and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. MILLER.

ATHLETICS

*To the Superintendent of Schools,
East Douglas, Mass.*

I herewith submit my report of work in supervising Physical Education as carried on since September in the Douglas High School.

The work in this department for boys has been twofold:

1. Intramural games.
2. Varsity sports.

These are both extra curricular and after-school activities.

The intramural program has two objectives:

1. To get as many pupils as possible interested and active in some activity.

2. To furnish at least one game a week for each participant.

This latter objective should be increased to two games a week for each pupil, but is impossible at present, due to lack of adequate space and too small a teaching force. However, it is proving quite successful, as much interest is being shown by the players and classmates alike. A great moral benefit comes from these games, as they teach sportsmanship, team play, and class spirit. This program has been extended to the seventh and eighth grades.

Varsity sports have their influence on the whole school spirit and form the apex of the school's sports. This is only the fifth year of established varsity sports, and they are fast gaining prestige. Due to the size of the student body these sports are necessarily limited to football, basketball, and baseball. There is a good spirit growing up in the student body and it now looks as though better days are ahead for varsity sports.

The "Five Cents a Week Plan" inaugurated in the high school has proved itself successful and the student body is rapidly coming to make the athletic program self-supporting.

Physical education in its briefest definition is for the purpose of forming correct habits, and to build men of character, stamina, and intelligence. With these aims in view, our athletic program accomplishes its purposes.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to you, to the principal, and to the teachers for the loyal support and hearty co-operation they have extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. GAGNE,

Athletic Coach.

Report of School Physician

January 18, 1932.

*Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Superintendent of Schools,
Douglas, Mass.*

DEAR SIR:

The physical examination of school children was completed in September. Children entering the first grade were vaccinated before school opened.

During this term, we had several cases of chicken pox, mumps, and impetigo. These cases were removed from school when found and have since recovered. We have no contagious cases at the present time.

During the examination this year I found fewer physical defects and a greater number of corrected defects than for several years past. This is most gratifying as it indicates our health program is proving successful.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. QUINN,

School Physician.

Report of School Nurse

December 31, 1931.

*Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Superintendent of Schools,
East Douglas, Mass.*

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit my report as School Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1931.

Number of days of service	80
Number of classroom visits	659
Number of home visits	135
Number of pupils examined including physical examination	1211
Number of pupils dismissed as contacts	12
Number of pupils dismissed for sickness	7
Number of pupils weighed and measured	1489
Number of pupils advised or given first aid	16
Number of pupils taken to clinics	14
Number of health talks	61
Number of notices of defects sent home	304
Number of notices of pediculosis	33
Number of cases of scabies	1
Number of cases of impetigo	22
Number of cases of chicken pox	13
Number of cases of mumps	1
Number of cases of tuberculosis	3

Two pupils were taken to Westfield Sanatorium for treatment.

Percentage of defects, comparing September, 1930, and September, 1931:

	1930	1931
Number of pupils	520	524
Percentage with defects	75%	50%
Percentage with teeth defects	42¾%	31%
Percentage with nose defects	25%	20%
Percentage with throat defects	22¾%	21%
Percentage with gland defects	13¾%	12⅔%
Percentage underweight	9⅔%	10%

Defects corrected by June, 14%.

Five Health Conferences were attended during the year.

A Toxin-Anti-Toxin Clinic was held in March. We were assisted by the local Board of Health, State Board of Health and the Southern Worcester County Health Association.

Total attendance at the clinic was	435
Percentage receiving all three doses of toxin-anti-toxin	96 $\frac{1}{3}$ %
Twelve years and younger receiving all three doses	82 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
Pre-school children receiving all three doses	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ %

The clinic was held four days.

A Dental Clinic, held twenty-one days, was sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association.

Notices sent out	262
Pupils receiving care	103
Fillings	242
Extractions	61
Cleanings	37

Gala Health Day Programs were held at the Town Hall and Center School May 1, 1931.

A loving cup was presented to the seventh grade. They had the honor of having thirty-eight per cent (38%) physically fit pupils, the highest percentage in town.

Number of tags given out was as follows:

Physically fit	97
Teeth	262
Improvement	137

A pre-school clinic was held in June. Attending physician, Dr. John J. Quinn, assisted by Miss Mabel Murphy, R.N., of Uxbridge Samaritan Society, and Mrs. Edith Taft, R.N., School Nurse.

There were only twenty-six children at the clinic. Last year there were forty-four. I sincerely hope more parents will take advantage of the next pre-school clinic and assist us in having a one hundred per cent physically fit first grade. It means so much to a child to have good health. The reason for some children not passing first grade work is because of physical handicaps.

I wish to thank all persons assisting in our health program.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) EDITH M. TAFT, R.N.,
School Nurse.

RESULTS OF THE TESTS FOR VISION AND HEARING

Number of pupils tested	526
Number found defective in vision	29
Number found defective in hearing	14
Number of parents or guardians notified	31

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT

Number of cases investigated	13
Number absent on account of sickness	10
Number absent on account of truancy	0
Number absent for other causes	3
Number brought back	13

E. L. WILLIAMS,
DOUWE DEJONG,

Attendance Officers.

January, 1932.

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES

Issued January 1, 1931, to January 1, 1932

Report of Mr. Edward L. Williams

No. of Persons Issued Certificates		No. of Certificates Issued	
Educational literate	39	Educational literate	48
Education illiterate	0	Education illiterate	0
Special home permits	2	Special home permits	2
Employment	7	Employment	7
Total	48	Total	57

Mr. E. L. Williams has been appointed by the Superintendent of Schools to issue certificates, and these may be obtained by those entitled to them by making application to Mr. Williams.

MEMBERS OF TEACHERS' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

C. W. Holmes, Clarence Gagné, Elizabeth Balmer, Evelina G. Martin, Myra H. Jillson, Agnes Monteith, Eunice L. Buffington, Mary Joy, Maria C. Buxton, Etta H. Johnson, Daisy E. Sweet, Kathleen Frederick, Betsy Reid.

SCHOOL BANNERS

The school banner awarded for excellence in attendance and punctuality each month has been won for the past year as follows:

		Grade	Per Cent. Attendance	Number of Tardinesses
January,	E. Douglas	6	98.89	0
February,	"	3 + 5	96.86	1
March,	"	2	98.96	0
April,	"	1 + 2	98.76	0
May,	"	5	99.44	1
June,	"	6	100.00	0
September,	"	7	99.34	1
October,	"	5, 6	99.60	1, 2
November,	"	4	99.87	1
December,	"	6	99.06	0

HONOR ROLL

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 5 years:

Marietta Kenyon.

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 4 years:

Inez Aldrich.

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 3 years:

Anna Vecchione, Mary Bombara, Anna Budsyna, Mary Brown, Frank Coppola, Victoria Macuga, Frederic Jodrey.

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 2 years:

Florence Carter, Edward Martinsen, Robert Walker, Rita Casey, Beverly Small, Francis Abram, Henry Therrien, Katherine Bombara, Kenneth Daubney, John Smith, Agnes Abram, Michael Biros, Albert Hurd Johnson

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for the past year:

Oscar Salo, Susan Cencak, Sadie Salo, Anna Madigar, Joseph Michna, Walter Bigos, Virginia Kenyon, Joseph Cupka, Evelyn Monroe, Thaddeus Kurtyka, Joseph Micholayik, Mary Saviano, Anna Bacca, Priscilla Rowley, Julia Salo, Winnie Valk, Julia Virostek, Niccolo Colonero, Stephen Michna, Rita Doyon, Rita Munroe, Frances Senkarik, Catherine Bombara, Joseph Bombara, Andrew Mercak, Bernadette Decoteau, Dorothy Mooney, John Senkarik, Ernest Munroe, Frances Herusik, Andrew Bombara, Genevive Bigos, William Macuga, Laura Wojtalick, Chester Wojtalick, John Nedrosick, Jennie Wojtalick.

AGE GRADE TABLE, OCTOBER 1, 1931

	Age 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20																			Totals	% Accelerated	% Normal	% Retarded
1	22	18	2		1															43	51	47	2
2		18	26	12	2															58	31	66	3
3			11	26	7	3	1													48	23	69	8
4				20	20	13	5	3												62	32	53	15
5					11	25	13	11	2	1										64	17	59	24
6						8	19	16	6	8	1									58	14	60	26
7						1	3	24	19	10	2	2								61	7	70	23
8								2	21	10	5	1								39	5	80	15
9									7	10	10	2								29	24	69	7
10										6	14	4	4							28	22	64	14
11												10	7	3	1					21	0	81	19
12													1	10	4					16	6	88	6
Total	22	36	39	58	41	50	41	56	55	46	32	21	21	7	1	1	1	527					

